



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Michael Alden	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Present

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney and Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Audio and Video Recording

V. Statement of Mission

VI. Public Comment

Susan Timmons, an NPS student, spoke to the committee in regards to the meal policy. Susan shared Framingham's policy with the committee in hopes we would adopt the same policy.

Michael Dutra, a Northbridge resident, presented checks in the amount of \$2,239.51 to the committee for the negative lunch balance. Dutra stated that the remaining balance would be coming from Unibank and Jack Walker.

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept the donation in the amount of \$2,239.51. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes

Bethany Cammarano Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stickney wanted to begin the report this evening with recognition of the events that occurred 17 years ago today. As adults, we will never forget that day. Most of the students we have in our classrooms right now do not have that perspective - thankfully. However, we honor those who made such great sacrifices by continuing to teach our students about our rich history and support their growth and development as responsible, active citizens.

This summer, committees have spent hours developing a new strategic plan that you will hear about this evening. We are proud that this plan for our future focuses on developing the character, social emotional well-being, and intellectual growth of our students.

We have started off the year with a very "warm" welcome. The kindergarten class - the Class of 2031 entered our halls, while the Class of 2019 has started celebrating a string of "lasts"...last first day, last school pictures...

We have been very busy with the preparation of the buildings, addressing building needs, and focusing on professional development and student programming. We are looking forward to our next SC meeting, when we will provide a special education update regarding programming and the beginning of the year.

We also look forward to sharing information regarding the new designation of two programs as Innovation Pathways at Northbridge HS - one of seven high schools in the state to earn such a prestigious designation. We will join Uxbridge Public Schools next week as we celebrate the opening of the Education Hub at the Linwood Mill with a Ribbon Cutting with the Governor. The Education Hub compliments our new Manufacturing Lab at NHS with new state of the art equipment.

We are working on improving district communication. Please watch for Friday news letters that contain updates from each school and department. Curriculum Nights are around the corner. Please check the website for specific dates.

Tomorrow evening at 6PM, we will be holding our Safety and Security Forum at NHS. Please join us to learn more about our programs and plans.

Just a reminder, our next School Building Community Forum is next Wednesday, 9/19, at 6pm at NES. One more note, many individuals have asked about the election and the vote. Please save the date of Tuesday,

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Oct. 23rd at NHS Fieldhouse for the Town Meeting. The School Building Project is Article 6. This passage of this vote requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. This is a very important detail.

Next Monday, Dr. Stickney is looking forward to meeting with the newly created District Advisory Council, and next Wednesday, Mr. Rosenthal will conduct his first meeting of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council at 6PM in the HS Media Center. All are welcome!

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2018
- b. Warrant 39-06s 8/9/18 \$90,754.49

A motion was made by Michael Alden to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

IX. Action:

- a. Approval of 2018-2019 Contract with Teamsters Union, Local #170, Instructional Classroom Assistants

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the 2018-2019 Contract with Teamsters Union, Local #170, Instructional Classroom Assistants. The motion was seconded by Bethany Cammarano. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

b. Acceptance of Donation for the Northbridge High School Food Pantry

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to accept the \$500.00 Donation for the Northbridge High School Food Pantry donated by the Keenan-Monahan Family. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

c. Student and Family Handbooks 2018-2019

A motion was made by Brian Paulhus to approve the Student and Family Handbooks 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

d. Appoint Richard Maglione as Representative to Town Safety Committee

A motion was made by Michael Alden to Appoint Richard Maglione as Representative to Town Safety Committee and Catherine Stickney as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

X. Presentation:

a. Strategic Plan 2018-2021

Amy McKinstry presented the 2018-2019 Strategic Plan to the committee.

b. School Building Project Update

Joseph Strazzulla shared with the committee the Community Forum #8 presentation. The next Community Forum will take place at NES on September 19th, at 6:00pm

XI. Discussion:

a. Field Trip- DECA, New York

Catherine Stickney stated that this is an overnight trip to New York. The conference dates are November 28 – December 2, 2018.

b. Field Trip- DECA, Boston

Catherine Stickney stated that this is the State DECA Competition conference. The dates of the conference are March 7 - March 9, 2019.

c. Field Trip- DECA, Orlando, FL

Catherine Stickney stated that this is the International Career conference. The conference dates are April 26 - May 1, 2019.

d. Meal Charging Policy

Catherine Stickney stated that this is the second reading of the policy, and there have not been any changes. However, Cathy suggested that the sub-policy meeting meet to discuss the policy and compare it to the policy that was shared this evening.

e. Crowdfunding Policy GBEBD-Second Reading

Catherine Stickney stated this is the second reading of the policy, and there have not been any changes.

XII. School Committee Individual Comments

Bethany Cammarano- Thank you to Amy for the Strategic Plan- Great work, impressed with everything that was put together and the inclusiveness that took place.

Brian Paulhus- As we welcome the Class of 2031, I am on the other end with an outgoing senior. Brian wanted to thank Mr. McCormick, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Susienka, and the faculty and staff at NHS for a smooth beginning to the school year. When the weather does become a little bit more fall-like, Brian and his wife, Mrs. Paulhus, will be starting the landscaping club for community service hours.

Michael Alden- Thank you to all of the teachers for the first two weeks of school. It was very hot, and I cannot thank them enough for all that they did for the kids, great job. A reminder that there is a zero tolerance for bullying at NPS. The NPTA is always looking for volunteers.

Joseph Strazzulla- Echos all the sentiments on the opening days of school. Top on down - an amazing job!
Commends all the students on the higher floors; testament to how we are a community and can work together. The next community forum is at NES, September 19th at 6pm.

XIII. Adjournment (8:10 P.M.)

The motion was made by Brian Paulhus to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a) for the Following Purpose and Not to Return to Open Session:

A. Purpose (7) to Comply with, or Act Under the Authority of, any General or Special Law or Federal Grant-in-Aid Requirements.

The motion was seconded Michael Alden. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Absent
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Yes

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The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.